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Dear Vendors and Resource Providers,

Thank you for your interest in providing services, products and/or materials to Montana schools. As part of our work in the Indian Education Division we consider research based and culturally appropriate and accurate materials to be a great asset in our work of improving the educational experience of American Indian children.

We strongly emphasize to schools the use of data driven decision making when choosing quality programs to both implement Indian Education For All and raise student achievement. As such, we encourage schools to use our OPI document, "A Guide for Evaluating Indian Education Services, Products and Materials," which provides schools a checklist of minimum qualifications and criteria that can assist them in their decision-making process when deciding on resources for their school.

If your organization or company would like the Indian Education Division to consider your resource or program as one that might be recommended to districts in our work, please complete the checklist and include all pertinent information that relates to it. You can submit this information to our Indian Student Achievement Specialist, Mandy Smoker Broadus: [mbroadus@mt.gov](mailto:mbroadus@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

Denise Juneau  
Director of Indian Education